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A RIDICULOUS SITUATION.

The absurdity of the present freight rate situation is reflected in the fact brought out in the hearing at Ottawa, on the Canadian National Railways that it will be for the construction of which railway the Dominion Government gave a bonus in exchange for the rate concession. As the line was not built when the bargain was made the rates do not apply there. That, of course, is not logical from the point of view that the railways have been carried to the point of absurdity. And it illustrates the injustice of the present discriminatory interpretation of the agreement.

People living along the Crow's Nest line are not entitled to lower rates than those paid by people living for whom the quality of good and which it costs the railways no more to render. If it is ridiculous that they should be deprived of the benefits of the agreement under which the Crow's Nest line was built it is equally out of place for the government to do the same. The attempt of the foreign governments to sustain it would be at a costly and doubtful expense. The Chinese, the British and the French, will be compelled to govern themselves in the hard school of experience. The war in which they are now engaged may be regarded as an incident in the long course of evolution by which the empire, whose origin is shrouded in the mists of antiquity, may one more attain the will and the power to stand in place among the foremost nations of the world.

From the standpoint of the customer who does not want to disobey the law or to encourage others to do so, the position is not very satisfactory. The majority of women object strongly to be told that they must go to the liquor vendor's store if they want a bottle of extract with which to flavor the custard or the cake. They must buy it from a vendor within easy distance a real inconvenience is imposed upon the housewife, aside from her disinclination to invite comments by visiting the dispensary of intoxicants. There must be a way to prevent the abuse of extracts by those whose thirst is stronger than their sense of discrimination without depriving the women of cookery requirements to which they have long been used or forcing them to parade to the Government whisky shop to get them.

THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS WARDS.

The coroner's jury which inquired into the circumstances of the death of Hazel Stewart was unable to state what was the cause of death. The Juries did, however, add a rider that the three children had not received proper care, attention and protection which they were entitled to as wards of the Neglected Children's Department.

It was stated by the Superintendent of the Department that the placing of such children in private homes is an experiment. The comment of the jury very clearly indicated that the trial will proceed to continue the Department will have to shoulder the responsibility, and to provide such inspection as will assure the children getting the care and attention they require and ought to have. That people taking in neglected children do not desire too frequent visits of the inspectors is a preference that cannot be ignored.

biters, and the consequences proportionately terrible.

If there has to be a large scale war anywhere, China is perhaps the corner of the world in which it can be carried on with a minimum of disturbance elsewhere and comparatively little danger of other countries becoming involved. There is no likelihood of an intervention of foreign governments to intervene and less justification. Intervention could not safely be made except by joint action of the great powers, such as they took at the time of the Boxer rising. For one of them to act alone would be to invite suspicion on the part of the others. That is not all, the situation was not given for action. It has been reported that foreigners have been attacked or plundered. On the contrary, they have had ample warning from the course of events that they had better get out of the country, and it has been reported that they were prevented or hindered doing so. Aside from protecting their own nationals, the powers have no responsibility in the situation, and it is likely to be left to the yellow men to settle their domestic difficulties among themselves.

It is the opinion of this writer that by arms instead of by ballot in either war, precedent nor strange nor a circumstance for which the outside world can be blamed. The establishment of republican institutions in China was only a paper reform. Democratic government is not to be achieved by force. The Chinese are equally apt to be subject to autocratic rule. A revolution is not an automatic machine. It will not work itself. I can only operate effectively where the individual suppresses his personal interests and prejudices to the common good, and where the majority so inclined is preponderant. Popular government will some day come to China, but it will not be forced. It must be evolved by education and social processes. The attempt of reformers to impose it upon China was premature. Any attempt on the part of foreign governments to sustain it would be at a costly and doubtful expense. The Chinese, the British and the French, will be compelled to govern themselves in the hard school of experience.

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TEACHING MORAL CODE.

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A CRITICAL TIME.

Calgary Albertan:

The news is bad and waiting is bad, too. There seems to be a general discontent, and this is much inclined to think evil and believe evil of the persons in public places. There is a general loss in confidence in administration and a disposition to believe that what governments do, they usually do wrong.

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The Opposition papers have been making much of the decreased revenue from Customs and Excise since the last budget. They seem to be right. They forgot that when the Minister of Finance brought in the budget he forecast a decrease in revenue of \$20,000,000, and that he forecast a decrease in revenue of approximately that amount as a result of the budget.

There is nothing abnormal in the decrease of revenue from taxation. It is not because the general situation is not so good, nor because commerce is diminished. It is because the collection of taxes is not so good because the King government has relieved the people of taxation to that extent.

ANTICIPATING.

There is no doubt that within 150 years science will be able to produce, synthetically, a complete and satisfactory food which agriculture cannot compete on the basis of cost.

This will mean that agriculture will become a luxury.

As Professor Haldane of Cambridge University says: "Human progress in history has been the progress of man's ability to produce a richer and more varied diet." Synthetic food will substitute for the animal and the plant, and make the city at last self sufficient.

This is true, 1924, not 2074. And agriculture will still be the one best hope for the prosperity of all.

SEEKING A LABEL.

Regina Leader:

A meeting was recently held at Beams to form a committee to seek a label for the town. The opinion seems to have been fairly unanimous that everything political in this province was dead. The delegates were all "anti the Government." There was no enthusiasm shown in the discussion to continue the last Mountain against the Liberals; nor was there any desire to support the Conservatives.

There was a strong party spirit, though, and some of the members of the meeting staked a claim to be progressive candidates or an independent. The chairman of the meeting stated that the farmers "are not interested in politics, present or past, and we are not interested in the future." Another delegate favored a "no label" resolution.

With the exception of the day when all children will be examined for an independent, one opposed to the present Government, and another supported the Conservative candidate and a resolution in favor of putting up a Farmer candidate was adopted.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OPINIONS FROM UNITED STATES

By Albert Apple

A home on wheels was built by Will A. Harris, Texas educator. He constructed it on a motor truck chassis. The interior is spacious, with two rooms 13 feet long. In eight weeks Harris and his wife and young son moved into their new home. The house is built of aluminum.

You've seen such homes on wheels. These are vivid illustrations of how the auto has had less than a negligible effect on the American landscape.

Passenger cars are to be sold at the auction.

PASSENGER MEN HERE

P. W. Morrow, North-Western Agent, Louisville, and H. L. Stevens, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Louisville and Nashville, were in the city yesterday and left for Saskatoon last night.

La Forest P. Ryde, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk, Rock Island and Mississippi Railroad, was in the city at the same time, and left for Calgary by the C.P.R. night train.

J. LAWLER MISSING

John Lawler, who is said to have come to Edmonton last fall, was found missing yesterday.

He was last seen in a rooming house on 107th Avenue. The work now being done by the police is to determine the street car he was last seen on.

TAG DAY RECEIPTS

The net proceeds of the Salvation Army tag day amounting to \$494, according to the latest report of the City Commissioners, the gross amount being \$500.

The day when gaudy corporations will be fighting for a monopoly of charitable alms giving.

LIGHT EXTENSIONS

The city will construct shortly four light extensions for a cost of \$15,000. These improvements were provided for in last year's program.

LOVE

A Michigan farmer pretended to be insane, so he could join his wife who already had been committed to the State Hospital.

There is no such thing as absolute insanity, but the judge ruled he had made out.

There are extreme cases resembling

the law of gravity or the force that pulls a magnet to a magnet. It is one of the few cases in which the force of gravity is greater than the force of love.

The future will learn how to neutralize gravitation, its victim to be human.

A Thought

Poverty and shame shall be banished if that reduces instruction; but that reduces poverty.

Fame shame only is harmful.

False shame only is harmful.

His best fitted for. Dangerous for parents to urge a child to follow a career he does not instinctively like.

This bit of advice caught in the net of wide reading will interest

the reader.

Material discussed in the widest

range of subjects.

However, there's no such thing as absolutely

materialism.

Materialism, like all other

extremes, is bad.

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